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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Eva Yi Zheng

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6,7,11-13 and 20-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11-13 and 20-22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6,7 and 23-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments see Amendment, filed 8/3/06, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 6, 7, 11-13, and 20-26 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 6, 7, and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of Bhatt et al. (US 5,517,213), further in view of Ushirokawa et al. (US 5,228,058).

a) Regarding to claims 6, 7, and 23-26, AAPA disclose a waveform equalizer comprising:

an equalizing filter unit including a delay circuit with a tap (block 9 and 10 in Fig. 15);

a discriminator which decodes an output signal of said equalizing filter unit (block 5 in Fig. 15);

tap arrangement control means which controls a tap arrangement of said equalizing filter unit (block 8 in Fig. 15; Page 1, L16 - Page 2, L8).

AAPA discloses all of the subject matter as described above except for specifically teaching of (1) a tap coefficient monitoring unit which monitors a tap coefficient of the equalizing filter unit, and changes the tap arrangement of the equalizing filter unit so as to restart a starting step of equalizing steps for equalizing a reception signal. (2) an impulse response device for predicting an impulse response of a transfer path.

For (1), Bhatt et al., in the same field of endeavor, teaches an equalizer processor (20 in Fig.1) being controlled by coefficient control network (80 in Fig. 1), which constitutes tap coefficient monitoring unit (as shown in Fig. 2). It monitors tap coefficients of the adaptive equalizer, and if the coefficients have not converged, then the equalization is reinitiated (Col 3, L47-Col 4, L24). By providing a tap coefficient controller to an equalizer processor would optimize and proper operation of tap arrangement. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the coefficient control network processor taught by Bhatt et al. with the waveform equalizer taught by AAPA. By doing so, the waveform equalizer has better performance while transfer path varies and improve multipath fading problems.

For (2), Ushirokawa et al, in the same field of endeavor, teaches an adaptive equalizer system (Fig.1). The impulse response estimator is determined based on the received signal and the output of the equalizer (Col 1, L33-41 and Col 6, L28-31).

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Therefore, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in art to implement the impulse response estimator from Ushirokawa et al in the waveform equalizer of AAPA. By doing so, accurately updates tap coefficients of equalizer without regard to intersymbol interference conditions.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 11-13 and 20-22 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior art teaches or suggests a waveform equalizer comprises a detector means for detecting a moving speed of the mobile station with a threshold value; tap arrangement is changed when the moving speed is higher than the threshold hold.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eva Y Zheng whose telephone number is 571-272-3049. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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